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RONALD REAGAN

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The Honorable Strom Thurmond  
209 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Strom:

The fiber/textile/apparel manufacturing complex provides 2.3 million vitally needed American jobs, including a high percentage of female and minority employees. As President, I shall make sure that these jobs remain in this country.

The Multifiber Arrangement (MFA), which is supposed to provide orderly international trade in fibers, textiles, and apparels, was first negotiated under a Republican Administration. The MFA expires at the end of 1981 and needs to be strengthened by relating import growth from all sources to domestic market growth. I shall work to achieve that goal.

sincerely,

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RONALD REAGAN

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